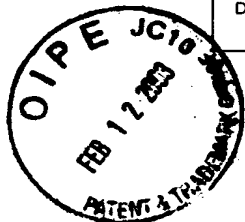


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In re Patent Application of:
Bokström et al.

Application No.: 10/009,052

Filed: December 6, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONVEYING
SHREDDED PULP TO AN OZONE
REACTOR

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated October 2, 2002, in which claims 11-22 were held to be subject to a restriction or election requirement, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

The official action of October 2, 2002, sets forth a restriction or election requirement, with the Examiner contending that the application includes two inventions; namely, Group I as set forth in claims 11-16 drawn to a method for bleaching pulp with ozone pulp, and Group II set forth in claims 17-22 drawn to bleaching apparatus. The Examiner further contends that since claim 11 is allegedly obvious over or anticipated by Shackford et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,942,088, the special features linking the two inventions, dewatering, shredding, transporting and ozone bleaching, do not provide a contribution over the art, and no single general inventive

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